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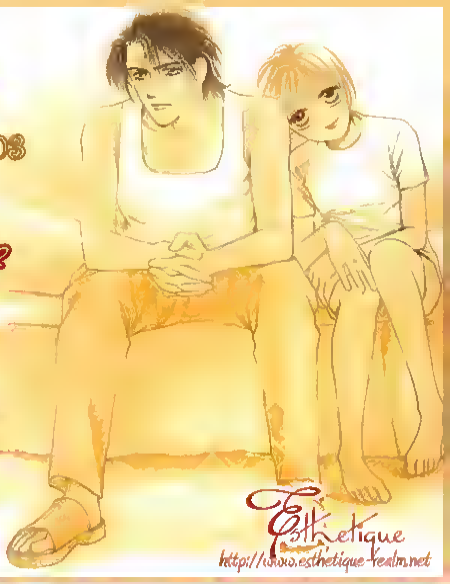

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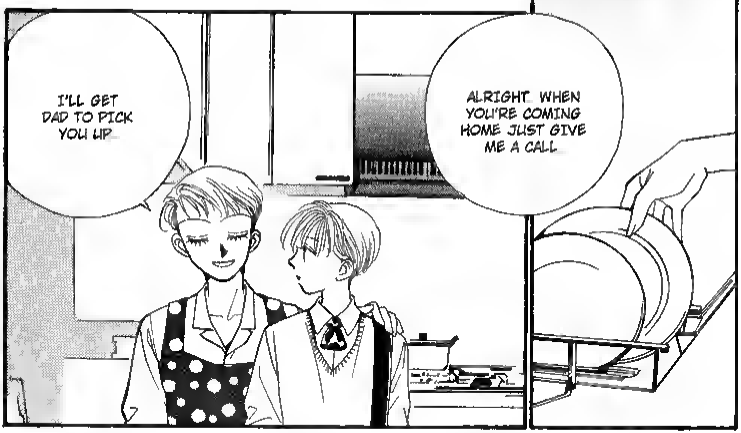
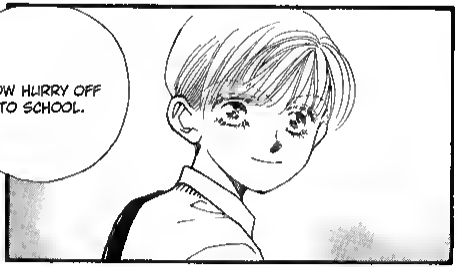
YOU'RE COMING WITH ME TO AMERICA!
NO I WON'T! EVEN IF YOU KILL ME!
YOU UNFILIAL KID! PAY WITH YOUR LIFE!

bump
bump
AH!
COME AS YOU WANT! I'M NOT AFRAID!
I m righteous and upright,
Ready to duel with EVIL forces ---
EH?
EH?
EH?----
GOD IT HURTS--

Eh? It was a dream again.. These days I keep having weird dreams...
But in that dream, I seem to have won that fight with Mom... Hahaha...
HE HE HE HE
GET UP YOU! YOU'RE GOING TO BE LATE FOR SCHOOL!
HOW MANY TIMES MUST I CALL YOU, YOU LAZY PIG!
sigh—
Reality is cruel...

MOM, JUST TO LET YOU KNOW, I'LL BE COMING HOME LATER THAN USUAL TODAY
WHY?
I'M GOING TO SCHOOL.
YANG TOLD ME THAT WE'LL BE BUSIER THAN USUAL TODAY
BECAUSE...
SO...





From that day on,

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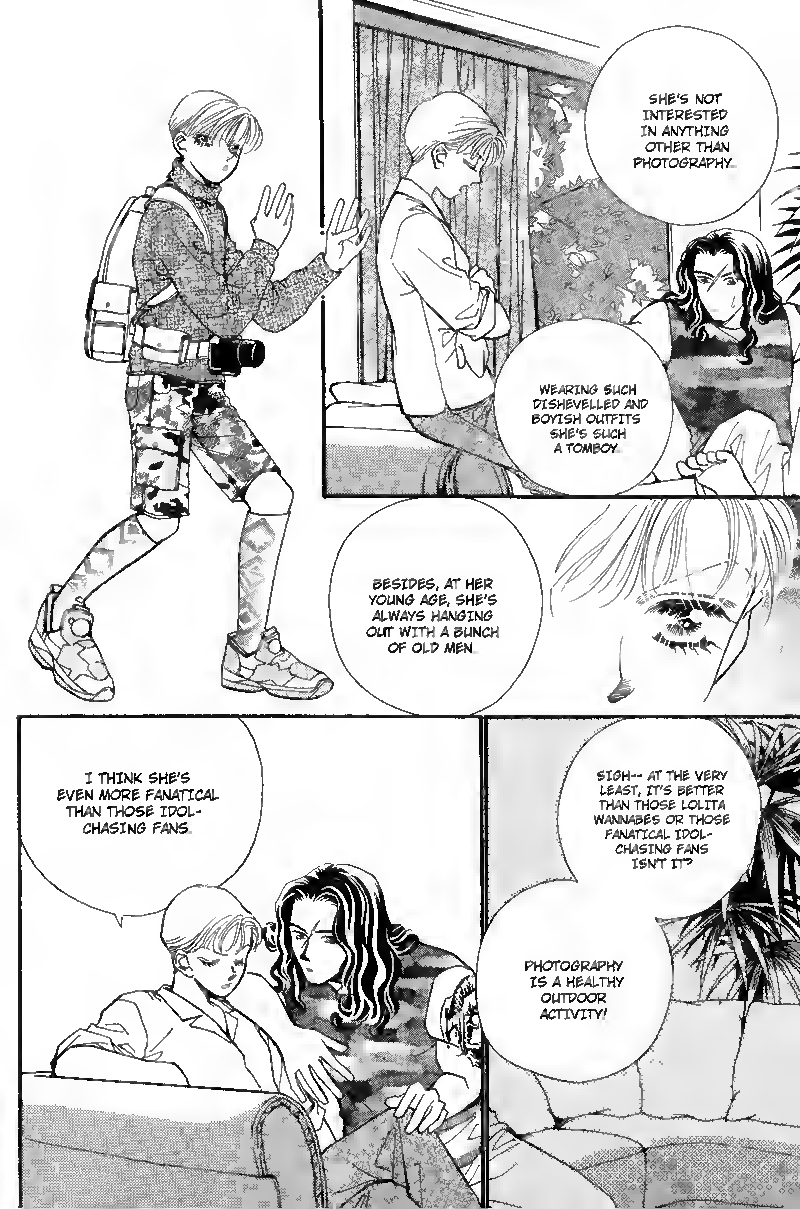
Even though...
Mom did not bring up that issue,
It does not mean she has given up...

If she encounters an obstacle,

She will try her best to make use of any opportunity to find another way to achieve her goal.

I'M WORRIED ABOUT OTHER THINGS ABOUT JIAYU BESIDES HER STUDIES,
She is such a person.
BECAUSE SHE IS DIFFERENT FROM OTHER GIRLS
I know Mom. She's not a woman who gives up easily.


SHE'S NOT INTERESTED IN ANYTHING OTHER THAN PHOTOGRAPHY.
WEARING SUCH DISHEVELLED AND BOYISH OUTFITS SHE'S SUCH A TOMBOY.
BESIDES, AT HER YOUNG AGE, SHE'S ALWAYS HANGING OUT WITH A BUNCH OF OLD MEN.
I THINK SHE'S EVEN MORE FANATICAL THAN THOSE IDOL-CHASING FANS.
SIGH-- AT THE VERY LEAST, IT'S BETTER THAN THOSE LOLITA WANNABES OR THOSE FANATICAL IDOL-CHASING FANS ISN'T IT?
PHOTOGRAPHY IS A HEALTHY OUTDOOR ACTIVITY!

Look at him, with the looks, the money,
And the fame. He'll be able to get anything he wants
What's more, he is a talented photographer.
Jiayu will go crazy over him --
SHE EVEN BARGED INTO SOME PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIO TO BE A HELPER. ISN'T THAT FANATICAL?
LIKE MOTHER LIKE DAUGHTER! DIDN'T YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT IN THE PAST, TOO!
EH- I'LL NOT BE SURPRISED IF JIAYU LIKES YUNG JO.
AH--- I'M ONLY SPEAKING THE TRUTH --

Why did you hire me -
I didn't even think of it that way-
HOW CAN THAT HAPPEN? THEY'RE TOO FAR APART, ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF AGE
HOW CAN A PERSON LIKE HIM SINCERELY LOVE A LITTLE GIRL?
LET'S SEE. IF JIAYU MARRIES YUNG JO AT 18, BY THE TIME SHE'S 20 SHE CAN HAVE A BABY!
AND BY THEN, YOU AND I CAN BECOME GRANDPARENTS!
Gets more engrossed in the thought
Daddy, you're about to be fire.
Afraid of impending death-
I'M ONLY WORRIED THAT IF JIAYU CONTINUES THIS WAY,
SHE'LL ONLY FEEL HURT AND SORROW IN THE END

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IT'S OK. MY DAD WILL COME TO PICK ME UP.
JIAYU!
OK!
COME IN FOR A MOMENT.
WHAT IS THIS?
A REWARD FOR IMPROVEMENT
OPEN IT.
Such a big box! What is it?

WOW!
THIS—THIS IS A VERY EXPENSIVE ZOOM LENS-
ARE YOU REALLY GIVING IT TO ME?
MAKE GOOD USE OF IT, SINCE YOU KNOW ITS VALUE
BESIDES, YOU DESERVE THIS REWARD

THANK YOU ..
OH YES, ONE MORE THING.
TOMORROW'S SATURDAY SO IT'S NOT A SCHOOL BREAK BUT I INTEND TO EXCUSE MYSELF FROM SCHOOL
IT'S BECAUSE MY MOM WOULD LIKE ME TO DO SOME SHOPPING WITH HER

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EH?
YOU'VE RECONCILED WITH YOUR MOM?
IS SHE STILL INSISTING ON BRINGING YOU TO AMERICA?
THIS... I'M NOT TOO SURE ABOUT THIS...
BUT I WILL MAKE IT CLEAR TO MY MOM.
THAT THE TRUTH IS, THE PROBLEM LIES WITH ME...
TO MAKE THINGS WORK, I'LL HAVE TO MAKE MY MOM HAVE TRUST IN ME

BESIDES, YOU ARE WILLING TO STAND BY ME,
AND THIS HAS GIVEN ME THE COURAGE
I'VE THOUGHT CAREFULLY ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE SAID TO ME THE OTHER DAY
I BELIEVE MY MOM IS A REASONABLE WOMAN, AND I'M SURE I WILL BE ABLE TO CONVINCE HER.
NOT BAD! YOUR ANALYTICAL POWERS HAVE IMPROVED
IT FEELS BAD TO BE CALLED STUPID ALL THE TIME!

JIAYU, YOUR DAD'S HERE!
OH... OK...
THEN... I'LL BE GOING HOME

AH!! I'M SO PITIFUL---
I DON'T WANT TO STAY AT HOME ALONE--
DA NAN! YOU'RE ALONE TODAY?
MR LEE--
YEAH! DAD, BE GOOD AND STAY AT HOME!
TODAY'S MOTHER AND DAUGHTER DAY. YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO RESIGN YOURSELF TO THAT!
Bye Bye!
YOU'RE... SO CRUEL...

LET'S GO!
IT'S SUCH A PITY TO STAY HOME ALONE ON A SUNDAY!
LET'S GO FISHING!
Are you the only man in your house too?
Isn't it better to eat at the buffet? Mom's treat!
Mom, I'd like to eat at the 199 Sushi Shop!

We're rushing about all the time, so there isn't really time to rest
Beause Dad and Mom are really busy with work.
Come to think of it,
I rarely come out shopping with Mom like that!
Now, its because of me that they've decided to slow down their pace.
So now, I have this rare opportunity to hang out with my Mom.
This way...
ARE YOU TWO REALLY MOTHER AND DAUGHTER?
isn't it a blessing in disguise?
AHH---

Geesh! Do I really look that old?
HAHA... REALLY?
DRESSED THIS WAY YOU REALLY LOOK LIKE SISTERS!
YOU TWO LOOK LIKE SISTERS! YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO BE A MOTHER!
We'll not buy a single piece from you
This sales person, no matter how much you try to persuade us
JIAYU!
I WAS LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU!
SO YOU'RE HERE AT THE TOY SECTION!

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IT ACTUALLY LOOKS ODD.
LOOK MOM! THIS IS SO CUTE!
I THINK THAT IT HAS THE SAME EXPRESSION AS YUNG JO WHEN HE'S ANGRY
WITH ITS EYES NARROWED AND LIPS PRESSED
HEY! ISN'T THAT GIRL THE FEMALE LEAD IN AIWEN'S MTV?
OH--- SHE'S RUMOURED TO BE AIWEN'S GIRLFRIEND!
Is that so?
They really look alike!
I'D LIKE TO BUY THIS!

YOU LIAR! AREN'T YOU HIS GIRLFRIEND? TELL US MORE ABOUT HIM!
WHAT DOES THIS GOTTA DO WITH ME?
HA! WHEN AIWEN'S OVERSEAS DID HE GIVE YOU A 'LOVE CALL'? IS HE OK?
I I DON'T KNOW
Ha Ha... This is bad...
SHE'S SO SHORT IN PERSON! IS SHE REALLY AIWEN'S GIRLFRIEND?
They really don't look compatible!
HEY! AIWEN HAS PUBLICLY ADMITTED TO THIS RELATIONSHIP!
Oh no it's coming again...
LADIES, WE'RE IN A RUSH. CAN YOU SETTLE THE BILL QUICKLY?
COUGH! AHEM!

THANK YOU ---
USING A PIERCING STARE
OK ---
OK ---
I better learn this fast!
ZAP...
ZAP...
FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, YOU DON'T SEEM TO HAVE SHAKEN OFF THIS RUMOUR
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MOM, IT'S NOW MUCH BETTER THAN BEFORE!
THERE WERE SOME THAT WERE A LOT WORSE!
I ALSO SAW HIM CONFESSING TO YOU ON TV WHEN I WAS IN AMERICA
IT GAVE ME A HUGE SHOCK
I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT MY SILLY DAUGHTER WOULD HAVE SOMEONE GOING AFTER HER
Seems like you've finally grown up
WHAT'S MORE, HE'S A REALLY HANDSOME AND FAMOUS IDOL!

SO HOW'S IT NOW? ANY PROGRESS?
THAT --- WHAT PROGRESS?
"I LIKE YOU ---"
HE DIDN'T TELL YOU PERSONALLY ABOUT HIS FEELINGS?
YOU'RE NOT GOING OUT IN PRIVATE?
I SUPPOSE .. HE DID!
THEN THERE IS PROGRESS RIGHT?

EH? THAT BAD?
I'M SO TROUBLED NOW! WHAT'S THERE TO BE HAPPY ABOUT?
YOU DON'T LIKE AIWEN?
THEN YOU DO LIKE HIM
NO WAY!
IT'S NOT THAT!
THEN WHAT ARE YOU TROUBLED ABOUT?
STOP ASKING ME!
I DON'T KNOW!

Know? What do you know?
OH--- I KNOW!
YOU... YOU'RE TWO TIMING WITH OTHER MEN RIGHT?
Ha! Ha! Ha!
SO IT'S LIKE THIS—
WHAT—? WHAT IS IT—?
HUH?
hmph!

To... To say that!?
Wh....WHAT?
MEN---
HA!
OTHER--
WITH--
TWO TIME --
YOUR MOM HAS BEEN THROUGH THIS! YOU CAN'T DECEIVE ME!
THOSE WILD TIMES I HAD WHEN I WAS YOUNGER--
TO SAY THIS OF YOUR DAUGHTER!
MOM! YOU'RE GOING OVERBOARD!

I'm a faithful, honest and upright person—
IT'S PURELY FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN US!
WHETHER AIWEN LIKES ME OR NOT IS HIS BUSINESS! I CAN'T CONTROL HIM!
FOR GOODNESS' SAKE! I DIDN'T TWO-TIME! WHAT PROOF DO YOU HAVE?
YOU SPILLED EVERYTHING ON YOUR OWN!
QUICK! TELL MOMMY ABOUT IT!
BESIDES, HE'S NOT MY TYPE HIS LOOKS HAVE NO EFFECT ON ME!
MOM! DON'T MAKE WILD GUESSES!
TELL INTO THE TEN?
EH! YOU HAVE SOMEONE IN MIND ALREADY THEN?
WHAT TYPE IS YOUR TYPE?

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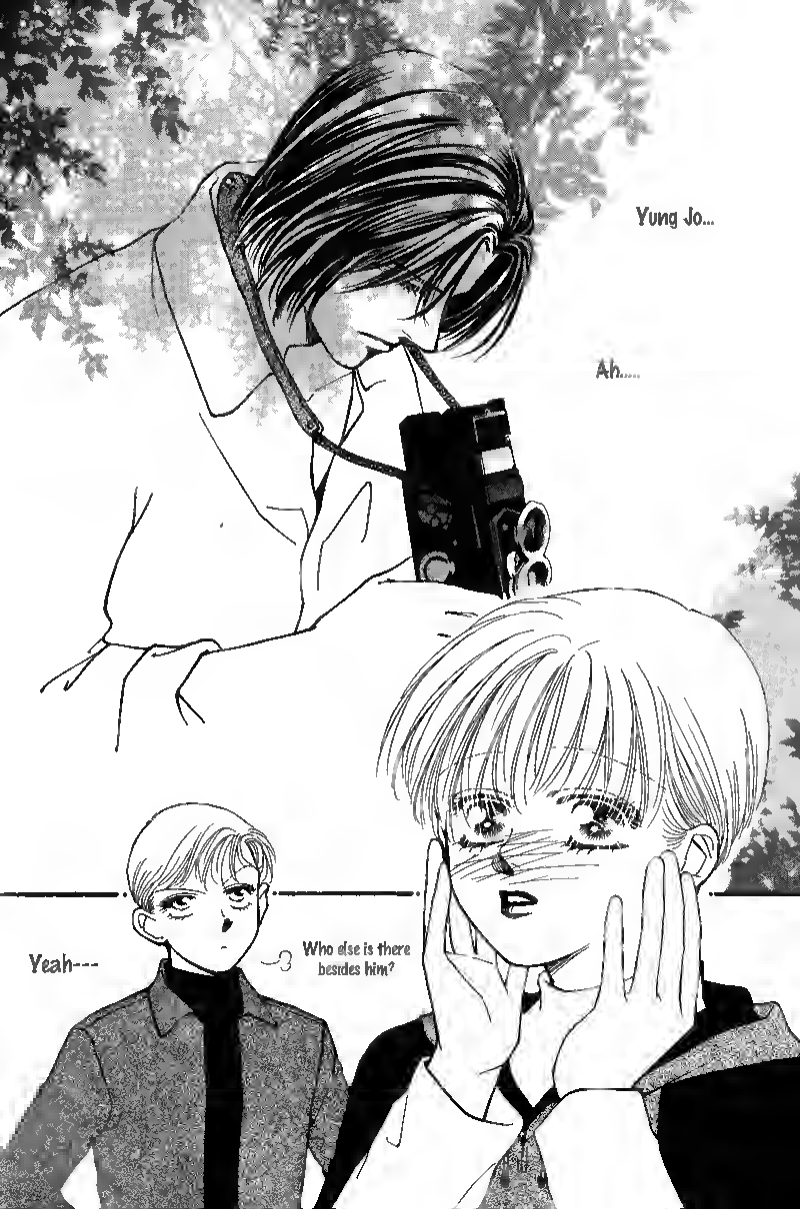
The muscles on his body are really firm and taut.. (Not only have I seen it, but I have also felt it before...)
Yeah...
STRONG AND MUSCULAR TYPE?
Strong and muscular type
He is gorgeous...
HE MUST BE GORGEOUS,
LIKE A MODEL.
Yeah~
That's right!
IT'S BEST IF HE'S A PHOTOGRAPHER!
AND HE'S TALENTED!
Oh... The person Mom's referring to... Isn't he...


Yung Jo...
Ah.....
Yeah---
Who else is there besides him?

IS THAT TRUE? YOUR HEART WILL FLUTTER?
YEAH --- WHENEVER I THINK OF HIM, MY HEART WILL FULTTER!
A young girl's crush!
SO YOU COULDN'T HELP IT BUT FALL FOR HIM
AH----- HE'S SO MESMERIZING...
Ha! Ha! Ha!
Ho ho~
You're pitiful
~Ah~
I'm going to die
You're dead
He He!
Sharks~
.....
NO... NOTHING! IT'S NOTHING!
I'M NOT IN LOVE WITH YUNG JO!
AH ---

THROUGHOUT THE CONVERSATION, I'VE NEVER BROUGHT UP 'YUNG JO'!
AH---
WHO IS YUNG JO? I DON'T KNOW HIM!
DID I SAY THAT I LIKE YUNG JO? DID I? I DIDN'T, RIGHT?!
SHOOTING HERSELF IN THE FOOT
YUNG? YUNG! YUNG ---
DID I SAY THAT YOU LIKE YUNG JO?
WE'RE JUST FRIENDS, NOTHING MORE!

*Translator Note: Yang means goat
MRS DING SINCE YOU'RE OLDER NOW YOU'RE KINDA HARD OF HEARING
IS THAT SO?
HEY I'M REFERING TO THE FACT THAT I LOVE GOAT'S MILK! I'LL DRINK IT WITH ALL THREE MEALS! I'LL EVEN HAVE IT FOR SUPPER!
YANG---
YANG---
YANG---
AND, I'VE HEARD THAT PURE GOAT'S MILK IS REALLY NICE!

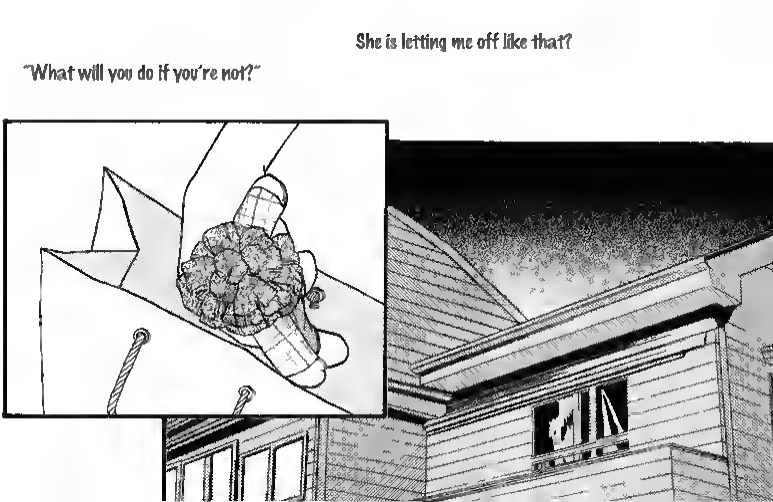
Sheesh...
I ---
I'M NOT ---
NO I'M NOT---
TRYING TO PLAY TRICKS?
I...
Mom must be getting suspicious...
What should I do?
If she knew about Yung Jo... and I...
Will she get angry?
MOM?

Is she not?

What's up with Mom?

She is letting me off like that?

"What will you do if you're not?"



Yung Jo praised me, saying that I've improved.
When he was speaking to me yesterday, he loooked at me so gently.
That showed that his mood changed for the better.
Is it because of my improvement? That caused his mood to improve?
Or is it what Lulu mentioned.
"A person in love is exceptionally temperamental,"
"and changes mood quickly."

What is she like?
To make Yung Jo experience such mood swings...
Who exactly is his "girlfriend?" Have I seen her before?
I am sure Yung Jo really loves her..
Yung Jo... Did he get back together with his "girlfriend?"
Besdies Sonia..
Who else could mesmerize Yung Jo...?

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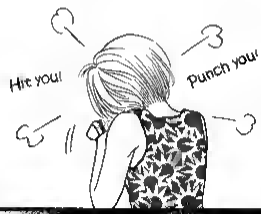
Hrmph!

I hope that his mood will be lousy everyday

So that he'll call me a pig-head everyday, and I can rebute against him. This way I'll be able to get over him.

Or else, he could hit me or kick me...

Then I'll be able to retaliate by kicking and hitting him too!



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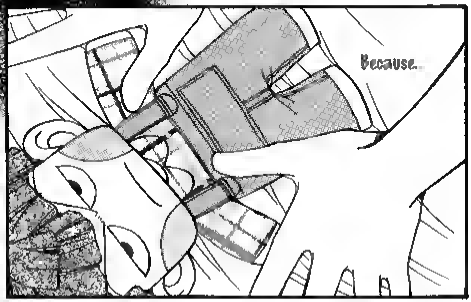


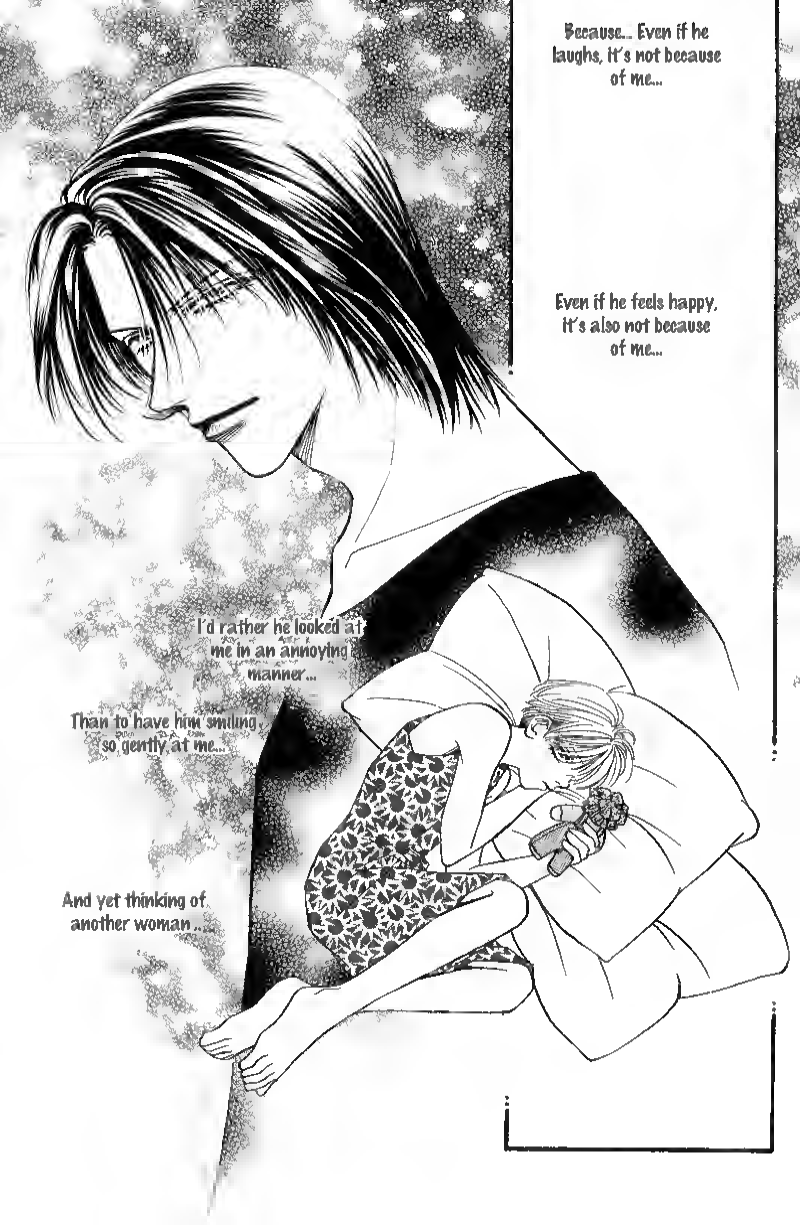
Be his punching bag...

Then I'll feel more at ease around him...

I'd rather not experience again, his sudden gentleness...

Because...

I might as well...


Because... Even if he laughs, it's not because of me...
Even if he feels happy, it's also not because of me...
I'd rather he looked at me in an annoying manner...
Than to have him smiling so gently at me...
And yet thinking of another woman...

CLICK!
TRY YOUR BEST TO TOSS YOUR HAIR, GOOD ---
CLICK!
YOUR HAIR'S BEAUTIFUL ---
GOOD! WELL DONE!

OK! WE'LL END HERE.
THANK YOU EVERYONE!

REST ASSURED. THE COMPANY WILL DEFINITELY BE SATISFIED!
I'M ASKING YOU---
SO HOW WAS MY PER-FORMANCE?
ARE YOU FREE TONIGHT? LET'S HAVE DINNER TOGETHER
HEY! THAT---
What a bother!
I'M BUSY!
LIAR! IS THERE SUCH A COINCIDENCE?

WHAT? YOU RE BUSY AGAIN?
HOW ABOUT AFTERNOON TEA LATER? I'M SURE YOU'LL BE AVAIL-ABLE RIGHT?
I'M BUSY!
FOR INTERRUPTING.
I'M SORRY
MISS CHANG?
WHY ARE YOU. .

What the hell!
So he likes those tom-boyish types!
OF COURSE!
DO YOU HAVE TIME?
HEY!
I HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT YOU'RE USUALLY PATIENT WITH WOMEN AND YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO HANDLE THEM,
BUT THE WAY YOU TREATED THAT PRETTY LADY JUST NOW,
REALLY SURPRISED ME.

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THEN I'LL REALLY HAVE TO THANK YOU FOR SHOWERING SO MUCH CARE ON MY DAUGHTER
AND BEING WILLING TO SPEND TIME AND EFFORT ON HER!
REALLY?
IT SEEMS LIKE WHAT YOU'VE SAID
I'M INDEED MORE CARELESS WHEN IT COMES TO WOMEN THESE DAYS
Sometimes I find them troublesome too

*Translator Note: Sister Chang is a polite way of addressing someone senior.

I STILL HAVE A LOT OF WORK!
I CAN'T WAIT
SO FAST?
IN THAT CASE
I'LL ENTRUST JIAYU TO YOU THEN.

I'D LIKE HER TO FINISH HIGH SCHOOL AFTER THAT I LL BRING HER OVER TO AMERICA FOR FURTHER STUDIES
SISTER CHANG?
IT'S BETTER FOR HER THIS WAY
FROM MY OBSERVATIONS THESE DAYS,
I THINK I CAN BE ASSURED ENOUGH TO LEAVE JIAYU HERE WITH YOU
I'M HAPPY THAT SISTER CHANG TRUST ME ENOUGH.
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BUT WITH YOUR TALENT,
I CAN SEE THAT YOU'RE PUTTING IN EFFORT IN SUCCESSFULLY RUNNING THIS PLACE,
THIS SHOULDN'T BE YOUR ONLY AMBITION, RIGHT?
SISTER CHANG IS IMPLYING...

AND THIS PRODUCTION HAS THE POTENTIAL OF WINNING THE OSCARS THE EMMY OR EVEN THE GOLDEN GLOBE AWARDS
AMERICA'S NATIONAL GEOGRAPIC CHANNEL DOES AN ANNUAL LARGE PRODUCTION,
SO THEY INTEND TO CONTACT TALENTS ALL OVER THE WORLD TO HELP OUT IN THE PRODUCTION
THEY INTEND TO INVEST LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY MANPOWER AND EQUIPMENT IN THE FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY OF UNUSUAL AND INTERESTING PLACES IN THE WORLD
"Because this production will involve moving across the world for filming and photography, the process will be difficult."
"Currently they have a short list of candidates and are now in the process of contacting them."

YOU'RE ON THE LIST,
AT THE TOP OF THE LIST.
I'M ONE OF THE PRODUCERS, AND I'M IN CHARGE OF SOUTH WEST EUROPE AND NORTH EAST ASIA REGIONS.
WHEN IT STARTED, THE FIRST FERSON I THOUGHT OF WAS YOU.
FROM MY EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH YOU AND MY UNDERSTANDING OF YOU
I FEEL CONFIDENT IN LETTING YOU DO THE PHOTOGRAPHY IN MY SECTION

I'VE ALWAYS FELT THAT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE GREATLY IN TRAVEL PHOTOGRAPHY
I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO ENTER THE INDUSTRY AS A COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHER- EVEN YOUR STYLE AND YOUR TECHNIQUE HAS CHANGED
I WAS DISAPPOINTED FOR SOME TIME
IN THAT CASE, YOU'RE MISTAKEN SISTER CHANG,
I'LL NOT BE SATISFIED TO BE ALWAYS DOING TRAVEL PHOTOGRAPHY SIMILARLY,
I'LL NOT BE SATISFIED WITH JUST DOING COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF IT'S ARTISTIC OR COMMERCIAL TO ME, EVERYTHING'S A CHALLENGE

EVEN THOUGH THIS SPACE IS NOT LARGE,
I LIKE IT HERE, AND I'M HAPPY
THIS WILL IMPLY THAT YOU'LL HAVE TO GIVE UP EVERYTHING HERE,
YES...
BUSINESS, FRIENDS AND EVEN LOVE...
ONCE YOU'VE DECIDED TO JOIN MY TEAM,

TO MAKE YOU COME TO A DECISION NOW,
IS RATHER FORCED.
I'M TOUCHED THAT SISTER CHANG IS SO CONSIDERATE OF ME
ALRIGHT! I'VE SAID WHAT I WANTED TO SAY,
THE REST IS UP TO YOU TO THINK ABOUT CAREFULLY.
BUT I HAVE ONE MORE THING TO ADD. I REALLY HOPE THAT YOU CAN JOIN MY TEAM

HALF A YEAR,
I'LL GIVE YOU HALF A YEAR TO CONSIDER
DON'T DISAPPOINT ME

So, I must think of a way to control the current situation so that my ultimate dream can be realized too.
And it's because I thoroughly understand that the current situation may cruelly destroy my ultimate dream.
But, between my ultimate dream and the current situation, I actually chose to stay in the current situation.
It's just that, I'm not sure how long I can last in this cruel situation.

How long can I last...
DADDY AND MOMMY ARE LEAVING SOON --- WILL YOU MISS MOMMY AND DADDY ---
OF COURSE!
BE GOOD --- DON'T CRY
SNIF!
DADDY CAN'T BEAR TO LEAVE YOU! --- DADDY DOESN'T WANNA GO AMERICA.
SNIF!
DADDY, BE GOOD!
BE GOOD, DON'T CRY---
QUICK! WE NEED TO BOARD!
DON'T GO HOME ALONE WHEN IT'S LATE!
OK!
YOU MUST BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU'RE ALONE! REMEMBER TO LOCK THE DOOR AND WINDOWS AT NIGHT!
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JIAYU! I'LL STILL HAVE TO REMIND YOU,
DON'T START TO ACT WEIRD BECAUSE WE'RE NOT AROUND,
QUICK!
Dad's really
IT'LL BE YOUR FAULT IF WE MISS THE PLANE!
NO!
NO!
IF YOU GET INTO ANY TROUBLE,
I'LL NOT HESITATE TO BRING YOU BACK TO AMERICA YOU GET IT?
OK!

BYE MOM!
BYE DAD!
I'm so lucky!
Oh yeah!

I'M BACK!
HI!
HE'S OUT!
REALLY?
IT'S REALLY HIM!
AIWEN!
AIW EN!
AIWEN OVER HERE!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT IS AIWEN!

CITEZIN
北
North
AIWEN WE MISS YOU!
AIWEN I LOVE YOU!
AIWEN!
DON'T SQUEEZE
DON'T SQUEEZE! BE CAREFUL!
HI EVERYONE! IT'S BEEN SOME TIME!
I'M REALLY HAPPY TO SEE SO MANY FAMILIAR FACES AT THE AIRPORT TO RECEIVE ME,
THANK YOU EVERYONE
I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY SINCE THE MEDIA AND THE FANS ARE HERE,
TO MAKE AN ANNOUCEMENT---

NEXT YEAR,
I'LL BE TAKING A BREAK FROM THE ACTING INDUSTRY.
ARE YOU ALREADY TIRED?
WHY DO YOU WANT TO BREAK FROM THE INDUSTRY?
EVERYONE PLEASE CALM DOWN,
IS THERE ANY SPECIAL REASON?
AIWEN WILL EXPLAIN THE SITUATION
WH AT?

I'M ALREADY IN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL IT DOESN'T MATTER IF I DIDN'T GET INTO THE UNIVERSITY.
BUT I'LL HAVE TO GRADUATE AT THE VERY LEAST.
HA HA HA ——
IT'S BECAUSE MY SCHOOL'S A RATHER GOOD CELEBRITY HIGH SCHOOL.
EVEN BEING A 'STUDENT' IS FAMOUS!
HA HA HA ——
BESIDES, I CAN'T BE A CELEBRITY ALL MY LIFE.
I'LL NEED TIME TO PLAN FOR MY FUTURE AND CONSIDER MY OPTIONS.
FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TELL ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN SUPPORTING ME ---

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I will return.
THANK YOU.
(NEW NEWS)
AIWEN HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL LEAVE THE ACTING INDUSTRY FOR A WHILE! IS IT ONLY TO COMPLETE HIS EDUCATION? WHY IS HE TAKING SUCH A RISK TO LET HIS CAREER SLIDE?
(HOT NEWS)
FROM RELIABLE SOURCES, WHILE AIWEN S TAKING A BREAK, HE S ACTUALLY UNDERGOING SECRET INTENSIVE TRANING TO PREPARE HIMSELF FOR CONSCRIPTION INTO THE NATIONAL SERVICE
(CELEBRITY NEWS)
HOLLYWOOD S FAMOUS CELEBRITY IS COLLABORATING WITH AIWEN, TO RELEASE AN ALBUM AND A MOVIE IN AMERICA AND THE REST OF THE WORLD

ME .. WHAT'S GOING ON?
THERE'RE SO MANY PEOPLE .. IS THERE ANOTHER FAIR?
RUM ~~ BLE
RUM ~~BLE
Bad feeling...
Wait...
Something's amiss...
R
U
M
B
L
E
Could it be?
NO WAY!!

RRRR ~~ UMBLE ~~
QUICK ESCAPE
AIWEN
THOSE IN FRONT ESCAPE!
ESCAPE!
PANT PANT PANT
IT HURTS
BE CAREFUL
AI YA!
KICK
RUSTLE

BANG!!
HA HA HA
CAUGHT YOU!!
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!
SHH! QUICK HIDE!
AIWEN ---
AIWEN ---
RUMBLE~~~~~ RUMBLE~~~~

PANT PANT PANT
AIWEN! AIWEN! AIWEN!
I WAS DOG TIRED ALL THE TIME, WHO'D HAVE THE ENERGY FOR DATES!
DID YOU GO ON DATES?
AIWEN!
PANT PANT PANT
HOW'VE THINGS BEEN FOR YOU IN AMERICA?
GOOD! LOOK AT ME, I'M SO ENERGETIC!

HE'S HERE!
Oh no!
Eh?
WHAT? YOU DARE SUSPECT ME OTHERWISE!
IS THAT ----- SO?
HE'S THERE WITH A GIRL!
IS THERE ANOTHER REASON?
AREN'T YOU AFRAID OF BEING REPLACED BY NEWCOMERS?
IS IT BECAUSE OF HER?
AIWEN, ARE YOU REALLY QUITTING BECAUSE OF STUDIES?

DID SHE BEG YOU TO QUIT THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY?
CAN YOU ELABORATE?
Hmm I have an idea
DID THE RECORD COMPANY AND YOUR MANAGER AGREE TO YOU QUITTING?
IS THIS MATTER RELATED TO MISS DING?
So what now?
DO YOU REALLY HAVE THE INTENTION OF SIGNING ON WITH THE ARMY?
WHY EXACTLY DID YOU QUIT?
HEH HEH HEH!
Is that so?
You're really agreeable
In that case
Come on!
Ai-ya!!! I-I-I-

COME ON BABY!!

With your kiss, it'll be worth it!
I'm... I'm not worth it... For you to be so impulsive!!
This is bad. Did anyone ask you to quit the entertainment industry? You're too impulsive...
Don't get intimate now... There're so many people watching, we should go back to do it!
I want to do it now!
Stop speaking. I'm doing this for you! I'm even willing to die...

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...is to treat her like another 'brother.'
But, what I don't want to do...
THE HEADLINES FOR TODAY ARE STILL ABOUT AIWEN WHO HAS JUST ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO QUIT THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY
HEY! THE MEDIA TENDS TO DISTORT FACTS ANYWAY,
AREN'T YOU THE LEAST BIT AFRAID THAT THE MEDIA WOULD REPORT UNTRUTHS?
...SIGH... YOU'RE REALLY TOO BOLD!
I MIGHT AS WELL CREATE INTERESTING NEWS FOR THEM TO REPORT ABOUT IT'S REALLY FUN THIS WAY!
THE LEVEL OF INTIMACY THAT HE AND HIS CURRENT GIRLFRIEND SHARED BEFORE THE MEDIA...
IS SUFFICIENT PROOF THAT THEY'RE REALLY... INDEED DEEPLY IN LOVE...

EH?
LET'S SEE WHAT KIND OF NEWS THEY CAN COOK UP!
WHOA ---- THIS IS A FIERCE MOVE!
ISN'T THERE ANY MORE INTERESTING GOSSIP NEWS AROUND?
WHAT'S THIS NEWS?
Silently eating third bowl
Silently
WELL IT'S BECAUSE THERE ISN'T MUCH BIG GOSSIP NEWS TO WATCH
SO THIS SMALL NEWS BECAME BIG NEWS

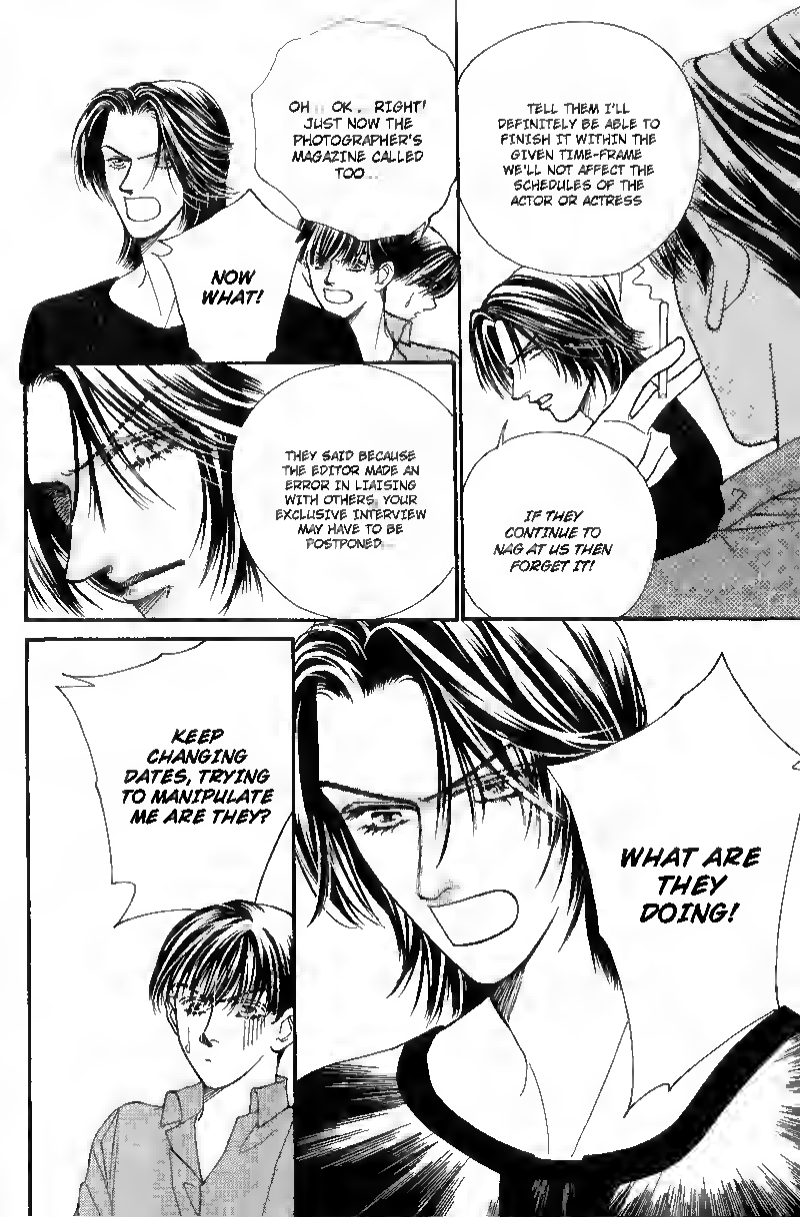
THEN YOU'RE WASTING TIME WATCHING SUCH PROGRAMS. AND THERE IS STILL A TON OF THINGS TO BE DONE!
WATCHING GOSSIP NEWS AIDS IN DIGESTION!
SO HOW CAN THAT BE A WASTE OF TIME?
It's convenient
LOGICAL. YOU CAN REALLY ARGUE!
I CAN DEBATE ABOUT THIS TOO!

ACT WHAT? OOH.....
LET ME THINK... WHAT'S GOOD TO ACT IN...
RRRRRRRRRRR...
HELLO? AIWEN? WHAT'S UP...!
OF COURSE! I SAW THE NEWS, IT'S SO FUNNY, YEAH...
HEH! I THINK YOU'RE A REALLY GOOD ACTOR! YOU MIGHT AS WELL GO INTO ACTING!... HAHAHA...
HAHAHAHAHA.....
HEY ------ WHO ASKED YOU TO ACT THE DAUGHTER-IN-LAW!
I'M TELLING YOU TO BE THE 'BOIL' SILLY!
GOT IT!
YOU CAN ACT IN THE DAUGHTER-IN-LAW WITH BOILS'!

HA HA HA HA
WHEN WAS I SPROUTING NONESENSE! YOU THINK IT'S EASY BEING THE 'BOIL'?
SILLY!
Ah...
EH... YEAH...
AH? NOTHING... NOTHING'S UP.—THEN— THEN—

I need to hang up quickly, or else Yung Jo will nag I'm skiving around...
I'M CURRENTLY BUSY ACTUALLY WE'LL TALK AGAIN IN SCHOOL TOMORROW...
OK OK...
Yung Jo...
I was only talking on the phone...
I don't think I provoked him...
Why did he give me such an angry stare?!

BOSS, THE HONG KONG SIDE SAID THAT THEY'RE IN A HURRY,
BECAUSE THAT ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE MOBILE PHONE WILL INVOLVE A MEGA ACTOR AND ACTRESS,
THEY NEED TO FINISH IT EARLIER BY A WEEK.
YES... YES... I KNOW, I'LL TELL HIM ABOUT IT.
THEY CAN TRY TO WRAP IT UP EARLIER,
BUT THEY'LL HAVE TO SEE IF I HAVE THE TIME TOO!
THEN WHAT SHOULD WE DO? REJECT?
REJECT? THEN, WHAT AM I?


TELL THEM I'LL DEFINITELY BE ABLE TO FINISH IT WITHIN THE GIVEN TIME-FRAME WE'LL NOT AFFECT THE SCHEDULES OF THE ACTOR OR ACTRESS
IF THEY CONTINUE TO NAG AT US THEN FORGET IT!
OH... OK. RIGHT! JUST NOW THE PHOTOGRAPHER'S MAGAZINE CALLED TOO...
NOW WHAT!
THEY SAID BECAUSE THE EDITOR MADE AN ERROR IN LIAISING WITH OTHERS, YOUR EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW MAY HAVE TO BE POSTPONED...
WHAT ARE THEY DOING!
KEEP CHANGING DATES, TRYING TO MANIPULATE ME ARE THEY?

IF THEY CALL AGAIN, I'LL REJECT ALL THEIR REQUESTS, I'M TOO BUSY!
You just agreed not to reject..
OK... I KNOW...
Why did he decide to reject all now?
SLAM
Did he eat explosives?
Why is he so bad tempered today?

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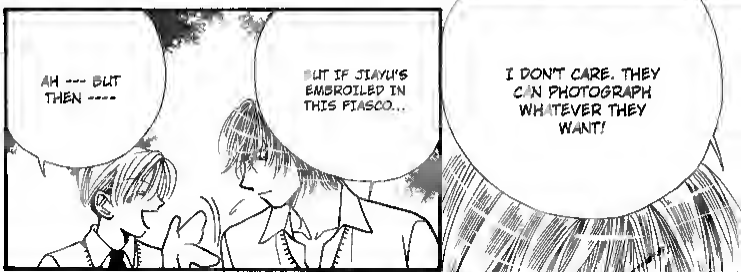
LOOK AT THE PAPARAZZI HIDING THERE WAITING TO CATCH YOU.
YOU CAN STILL RELAX LIKE THAT?
DON'T BOTHER ABOUT ME! I'M ONLY WORRIED THAT YOU'RE GONNA GET JIAYU BULLIED AGAIN!
SISTER, IF YOU'RE FOLLOWING ME AROUND LIKE THAT, I CAN'T REALLY RELAX...
Don't put it that way...
smack


AH --- BUT THEN ----
BUT IF JIAYU'S EMBROILED IN THIS FIASCO...
I DON'T CARE. THEY CAN PHOTOGRAPH WHATEVER THEY WANT!

WE'RE 'BROTHERS'!

Enough!
WE'RE ALL GOOD 'SISTERS' AND 'BROTHERS'!
YEAH---
IT'S LIKE HOW I'M SISTERS' WITH LITING---
What!
I can't take it anymore!
I TOLD YOU I'M NOT YOUR 'GOOD BROTHER'!
I LIKE YOU! I WANT TO BE YOUR BOYFRIEND!
WHY CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND MY INTENTIONS?

SOR... SORRY! JUST NOW... I WAS JUST JOKING WITH YOU... I...
ACTUALLY I... I DON'T KNOW TOO——. I-...
I REALIZED THAT MY FEELINGS FOR YOU HAVE CHANGED A GREAT DEAL...
Jiayu...
Is my dream about to come true?
Do you have feelings for me?
BECAUSE I ... I SEE YOU...
CAN'T CONTINUE TO LIE TO MYSELF. I CANNOT CONTINUE TO TREAT YOU LIKE A 'BROTHER'—...

WHEN YOU JOIN OUR SISTERHOOD ---!
THERE ARE MANY BENEFITS,
HA HA HA HA!
I SEE YOU AS ONE OF MY 'SISTERS'!
SISTER
GIOVANNA AND LULU ARE ALL MEMBERS!
TRUST ME, YOU ARE MOST WELCOME!
AH! YES! SPEAKING OF GIOVANNA,
Gio...
Giovanna...

We had...
WHAT ELSE DID SHE SAY?
She... She couldn't already told Jiayu already...
OH... THAT—
FROM DAWN TO DUSK, SHE'LL NEVER LEAVE YOU ~~~
SHE SAID SHE'S WITH YOU EVERYDAY.

YEAH! SHE ALSO SAID THAT SHE'S OFTEN TOGETHER WITH YOU IN YOUR HOTEL ROOM,
AND SAID YOU'RE A GREAT AND GENTLE GUY!
"The gentlest guy..."
"Aiwen... Aiwen."
"You're the best guy that I've met."
"You really make me feel really fortunate... Really happy."

I'M SAYING --- YOUR FACE IS REALLY RED, AND YOU'RE SWEATING A LOT, ARE YOU ILL?
I... WHAT DID YOU SAY. I...
What?
What?
HEY! WHY ARE YOU SWEATING SO MUCH?
YEAH! IT'S HOT!
IS THAT SO?
LUNCH BREAK TIME!
RING RING RING .....
YOU'RE NOT FEELING WELL? I'LL BRING YOU TO THE INFIRMARY

WHAT'S WITH HIM? HE WAS ALRIGHT JUST NOW
I'LL BE FINE AFTER NAPPING IN CLASS FOR A WHILE
Slap
Slap
AIWEN?
THAT GUY.....
Must have done something against his conscience...
I just had sex with Giovanna, that's all...
It's no big deal...
I... Why am I guilty?
I didn't do anything wrong...

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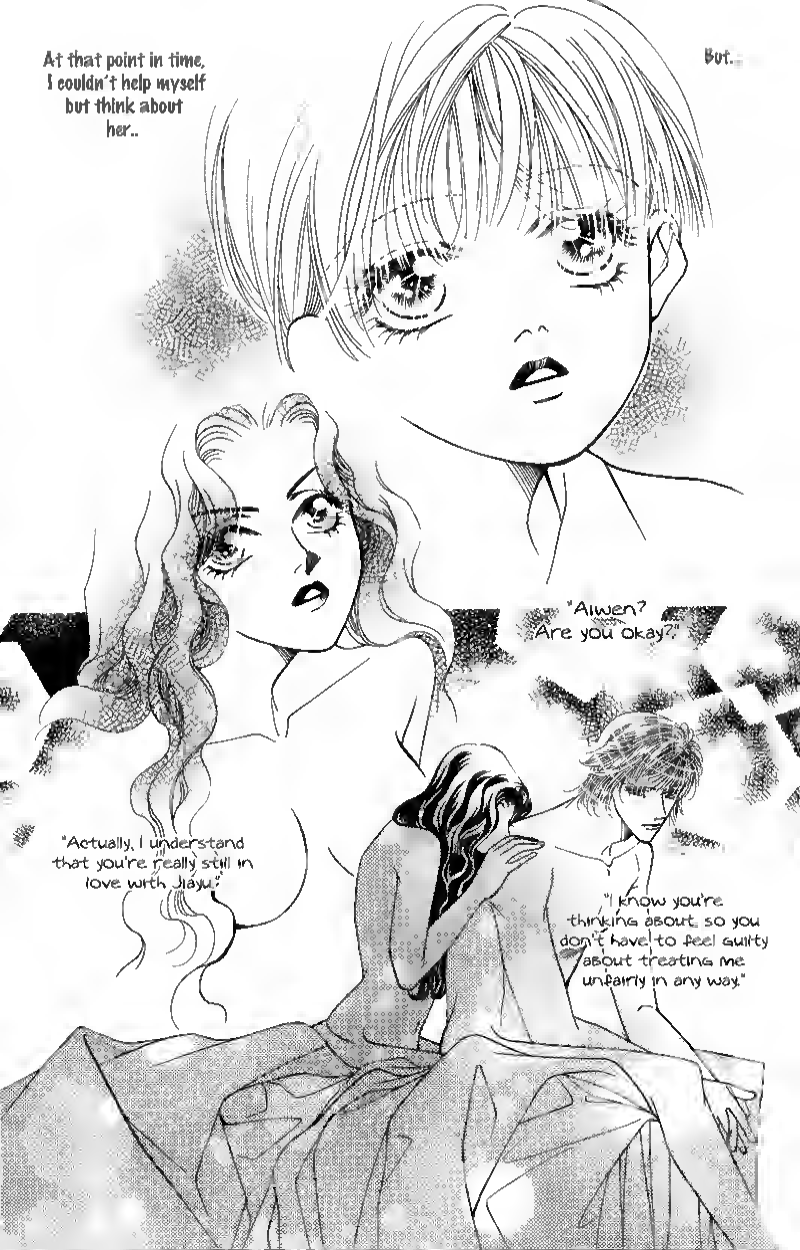
At that point in time, I couldn't help myself but think about her..
But..
"Aiwen? Are you okay?"
"Actually, I understand that you're really still in love with Jiayu."
"I know you're thinking about so you don't have to feel guilty about treating me unfairly in any way."

"But I"
"I know for sure that you like me, too."
"Because when you hold me, I can hear your rapid heartbeat. Just like how it is now."

TRUTHFULLY, YUNG JO,
SENIOR, DON'T WORRY ABOUT SUCH THINGS FOR ME. I CAN HANDLE IT
YEAH! HAVE YOU READ THIS ISSUE OF 'THE PHOTOGRAPHER'?
I CAN WAIT FOR YOU TO RETURN FROM HONG KONG TO FINISH THIS JOB.
AFTERALL, THAT MOBILE PHONE ADVERT IS A LARGE CASE, COMPETITION FOR THE JOB IS SO KEEN.

SAYING THAT THERE ARE QUITE A FEW OUTSTANDING PHOTOGRAPHERS EMERGING FROM EUROPE AND AMERICA.
THERE WAS A MAGAZINE EXCLUSIVE,
AND THEY'RE IMPROVING AT AN ASTONISHING PACE
ACTUALLY, NEW TALENTS EMERGING IS NOT A BIG ISSUE, BUT WHAT SHOULD BE NOTED IS,
THESE NEW TALENTS EMPHASIZED THAT THEIR APPEARANCE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THEIR CONTENT AND TALENT.
THEY'RE ALL COMPETING IN TERMS OF LOOKING BETTER, BEING TALLER AND THAT'S NOT ALL.
IT WAS RUMORED THAT THERE'S A SHADOW MNC* SUPPORTING THEM, USING HOLLYWOOD'S STAR PACKAGING TO RAISE THEIR PROFILE

*Translator Note. multi-national corporation

I THINK THAT THEY'RE COMING UP AGAINST YOU.
HA! THERE'RE SO MANY NEW TALENTS, HOW CAN I FINISH WORRYING?
AREN'T YOU WORRIED?
WHEN I WAS JUST STARTING OUT, WERE YOU EVER WORRIED, SENIOR?
I'M VERY CLEAR ON MY OWN TALENT'S WORTH MY APPEARANCE IS ONLY A BONUS.
SO WHAT?
TO BE A SUCCESSFUL PHOTOGRAPHER, TALENT AND SKILLS ARE THE ONLY THINGS THAT LAST

TAKE FOR INSTANCE, EVEN THOUGH I'M MORE FAMOUS IN COMPARISON TO YOU,
BUT YOU HAVE A SPECIAL SET OF SKILLS THAT I CAN NEVER SURPASS YOU! NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY.
SIMILARLY, IT'LL NOT BE EASY FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO SURPASS ME AND TAKE OVER ME!
And because there's such competition,
It also proves that I'm more than just a model...

YOU'RE BACK
It affirms that I have talent and worth as well---
JUST NOW HONG KONG'S SPONSOR CALLED TO SAY
YUNG JO—
TELL THEM I'LL GET THERE TOMORROW
THEY'RE NOT CALLING TO RUSH YOU THERE,
THEY'RE CALLING TO TELL YOU THAT THE JOB'S CANCELLED!
8-20

THEY SAID THEY'VE FOUND ANOTHER PHOTOGRAPHER TO REPLACE YOU. HE'S AN EMERGING ITALIAN MODERN PHOTOGRAPHER.
BECAUSE HE COULD FIT INTO EVERYONE'S SCHEDULE!
A NEW ITALIAN PHOTOGRAPHER?
"Have you read this issue's "The Photographer"?"
FLIP

ITALY'S MODERN PHOTOGRAPHER PHILYSS GEYAGEMO, STIRS THE WORLD OF PHOTOGRAPHY WITH HER SOULFUL EYES AND UNMATCHABLE TALENT!!

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She also called the 'Young Yung Jo'
Philyss Geyagemo the pretty new-age contemporary photographer!
'Young Yung Jo"? This is laughable!
Europe's largest media production company, 'Gold Star' has given tremendous support
and accepted a number of large international productions that include movie filming, advertising, magazine publication etc
Tomorrow's star is born.

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Gold Star has given tremendous support,
In nurturing an all-rounded celebrity photographer
So this is what has been going on ..
All-rounded celebrity photographer?
Hmph!
BOSS, ARE YOU OK?

HAVE YOU READ THIS?
WHAT?
THE CONTENTS ARE INTERESTING, IT'LL BE A PITY TO PASS IT BY
攝影家
PHOTOGRAPHER
SAY! ISN'T THIS THE PERSON WHO STOLE OUR PROJECT?!
NO, IT'S NOT HER.
AH? BUT IT WAS WRITTEN HERE..
AH? OHH..
BELOW, THAT PARAGRAPH, READ IT CAREFULLY..

That's him... The person who almost destroyed my life...
GOLD STAR MEDIA CORPORATION STEPPED BEYOND THE PHOTOGRAPHY BUSINESS. THE CEO, AMERIO LORENZO SUPPORTS THE NEW TALENT, PHILYSS.
CEO, AMERIO LORENZO...
LORENZO...
AH! HE... HE... ISN'T HE YOUR... YOUR...

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RRRRRINNNGGGG!!!!
HELLO.
Yuna Jo, are you asleep? Did I disturb you?
MOM? WHY ARE YOU CALLING AT THIS HOUR?
It's really late in the night!
Here in Italy, it's about 7 in the morning. I was thinking you could be asleep by now
BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHY, BUT I'VE DECIDED TO CALL YOU ANYWAYS BECAUSE...

IT'S BEEN A REALLY LONG TIME SINCE WE'VE LAST CHATTED...
MOM, YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING TO TELL ME RIGHT?
WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED?
YOU'VE GOT TO TELL ME THE TRUTH!

Mom?
YUNG JO... LISTEN TO YOUR MOTHER..
No matter what you father did to you in the past or even now,
Don't just imagine for the worst, ok?

DON'T BE STUBBON AND STOP FIGHTING HIM. COME BACK TO ITALY!
HE REALLY WISHES FOR YOU TO COME BACK TO WORK WITH HIM AND INHERIT HIS BUSINESS.
AFTERALL... HE IS YOUR FATHER, AND HE REALLY LOVES YOU AS YOU'RE HIS ELDEST SON
I'VE BEEN LIVING WELL ON MY OWN THESE PAST FEW YEARS!
MOM --- I WANT TO LIVE MY OWN LIFE,
DON'T WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT ME

BUT I'VE NOT BEEN LIVING WELL! WHY DID THE TWO OF YOU BECOME AT LOGGERHEADS WITH EACH OTHER!
AND NOW I CAN'T SEE MY OWN SON OR LIVE WITH MY OWN SON!
SONYA WAS JUST A CATALYST FOR THE WHOLE THING
For you to become a different person just for a person name Sonya, is it worth it?
What on earth are the two of you thinking?
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Your home is right HERE, don't you want to visit home?
THE PROBLEM BETWEEN DAD, AND I WAS NOT OVER A SMALL ISSUE THAT WE CAN QUARREL
NO, I DON'T NEED TO.
STAYING IN ITALY FOR OVER 30 YEARS BEFORE GOING BACK TO TAIWAN, I COULDN'T GET USED TO IT INITIALLY
AND FORGET ABOUT IN A DAY OR TWO
I LEFT HOME FOR THE GOOD OF ALL OF US

Forget it
IT DOESN'T MATTER..
I'M USED TO GOING ABOUT ON MY OWN ALREADY - BESIDES,
LULU WOULD VISIT ME EVERY ONE OR TWO MONTHS SO I'M NOT LONELY
I'M SURE YOU'LL NOT BE WILLING TO LEAVE HIM EITHER, RIGHT?
HAS HE BEEN COMING BACK TO SEE YOU AND STAY WITH YOU?

BEEP
GOOD NIGHT.
OK, I'M SURE YOU MUST BE TIRED RIGHT? I'LL NOT DISTURB YOU ANYMORE TURN IN EARLY
GOOD NIGHT.

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WHAT?
YUNG JO'S NOT GOING TO HONG KONG?
RELAX, HE MUST BE BUSY WITH AN EVEN BIGGER DEAL.
THAT MOBILE PHONE ADVERTISEMENT WAS A LARGE CASE! WHY ISN'T YUNG JO GOING?
JAPAN'S LARGEST LASER PRECISION INSTRUMENT MANUFACTURING CORPORATION INVITED HIM TO BE THE SPOKESPERSON FOR THEIR NEW PRODUCTS!
Japan! Really?
That's great--- I'd love to go too----

Everyday there is e fantestic feest of Jepenese cuisine! That's great!
Aiwen went jepen fer e premectienel tour before end he wes telling me how much fun he hed visiting the different pieces.
IS . IS THAT SO? IT'S THE SAME AS BEFORE
YOU'RE GETTING ALONG WELL WITH AIWEN THESE DAYS AREN'T YOU!
FROZEN!

That scared me... The tone he was using on me was almost like mom.
BE MORE CAREFUL NOT TO STIR UP ANY TROUBLE
Don't worry, don't worry, don't worry
I won't, I won't, I won't
BY THEN, BESIDES DIVIDING UP THE PROFITS AND WORK, WE'RE ALSO COMPARED WITH HER! THE MORE I THINK ABOUT IT, THE ANGRIER I FEEL!
BESIDES, WE ORIGINALLY GOT THE ADVERTISING PROJECT WITH THE AMERICAN COMPUTER COMPANY.
ALTHOUGH THAT JAPANESE COMPANY INVITED YOU TO BE THEIR SPOKESPERSON BUT THAT'S YOU OWN BUSINESS, AND IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE COMPANY
BUT IN THE END WE LOST THE EUROPE PROJECT TO PHILYSS!

SO WHAT IF WE BECOME BANKRUPT?
BY THEN WE MAY BE BANKRUPT ALREADY!
YOU THINK TOO MUCH. WE'LL BE ABLE TO TELL SOONER OR LATER IF THE SISSY HAS TALENT OF NOT.
HEY ---- YOU REALLY HAVE NO AMBITION ISN'T IT!
WE CAN ALWAYS DO FREE-LANCING PHOTOGRAPHY, WANDERING AROUND THE WORLD NOT TOO BAD RIGHT.
WRONG!
Huh?

I WON'T FOLLOW THEM BLINDLY!
BOSS HAS BEEN STRANGE LAGELY....
I WONDER WHAT HE'S BEEN BUSY WITH, AS HE'S OFTEN SEEN SLEEPING IN THE OFFICE.
BUT RECENTLY WE HAVEN'T BEEN BUSY ACTUALLY...
I'M WORRIED THAT THERE'S SOMETHING GOING ON...

YUNG JO MOVED? WHERE IS HE STAYING NOW?
IT'S ONLY BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN BUSY MOVING. BUT HE HASN'T GOT MUCH TIME TO UNPACK AND TIDY UP, SO HE HAD TO SLEEP IN THE OFFICE
IT'S THAT NEW 26-STORIES STEEL-FACADE BLOCK JUST BEHIND THE OFFICE.
Wow! that's really near the office!
OH! IT'S ON THE 26TH FLOOR OF THIS BLOCK.
Wow------

I'VE AGREED TO HELP HIM MOVE,
HE SAID WE WILL BE ABLE TO TIDY UP EVERYTHING BY THE SATURDAY, ON THE 16TH
ON 17 NOVEMBER, IT'LL BE A SUNDAY. WE CAN INVITE EVERYONE IN THE OFFICE FOR A HOUSEWARMING PARTY.
17 November
To be able to buy such an apartment whenever he feels like it.
He must be really loaded
17 November...
Oh yeah... That day...
ANYONE WILLING TO HELP OUT?
Me....
Me....
Me too...

It is Yung Jo's birthday!
I must prepare a gift for him!

But...

I'm so vexed...

What kind of presents will he like?

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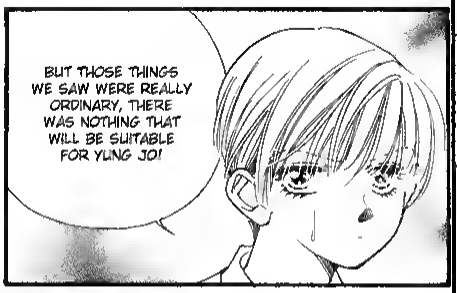

BUT THOSE THINGS WE SAW WERE REALLY ORDINARY, THERE WAS NOTHING THAT WILL BE SUITABLE FOR YUNG JO!

I DIDN'T BUY ANYTHING IN THE END.
sigh!
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO WAS PICKY!

GAWD! ANYTHING THAT SUITS HIM WILL BE REALLY EXPENSIVE,
CAN YOU AFFORD IT? THINK ABOUT IT!

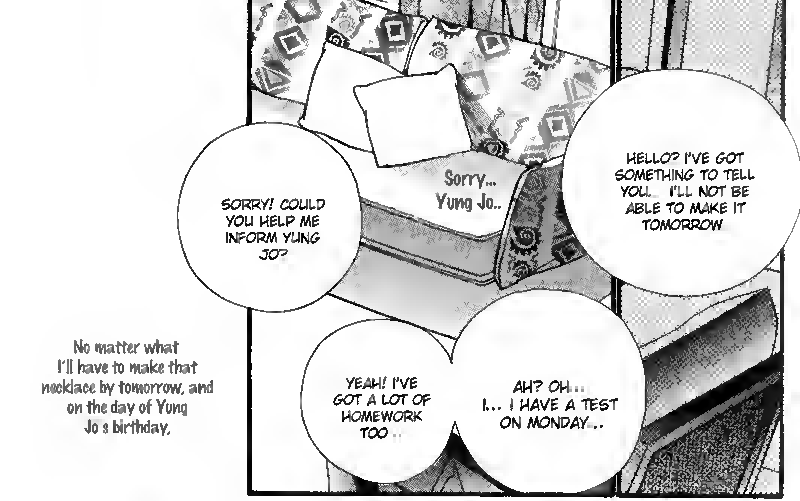
Eh?
think about it...
myself?

I'M GOING HOME NOW.
OH NO! WHAT SHOULD I DO! TOMORROW I HAVE TO HELP YUNG JO MOVE.
THINK ABOUT IT YOURSELF
I HAVE NO TIME NOW!

Awww... But... What should I make him?
Yeah! I can make one myself! It'll be laden with sincerity!
Falling into the paths of misery...
BRRRRRRRR
I'm miserable.
But where should I go to find shells?
I only know how to make a shell necklace.
I... Aiwen...
Hey! Why do you sound so miserable? You didn't eat enough for dinner?
HELLO?

YEAH! I WAS JUST ABOUT TO ASK YOU IF YOU'LL WANNA COME OVER TO MY PLACE ON SUNDAY TO TRY OUT THE DANCE VIDEO GAME I HAVE,
OR WE CAN GO OUT SHOPPING OR GO TO THE BEACH FOR A STROLL, OR SING KTV.....
WHATEVER YOU HAVE TO SAY JUST SHOOT! I'M NOT IN THE MOOD FOR CHIT CHAT SMALL TALK..
Beach...
Stroll...
How about it?
AH? BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHICH BEACHES WILL HAVE SEASHELLS!
Great!! We can go to a beach where there's a lot of seashells!
But... But I'd like to go there...

No problem! Since I can drive anyway, I'll accompany you to look for beachs with seashells!
THIS - IS - GREAT!
Nevermind! Forget it.
WAIT WAIT...
No I finally managed to get a date with her
Yeah, tomorrow's the 16th which means I will not be able to help out with Yung Jo's moving.
Tomorrow at 10, I'll pick you up from your place.
YEP! SEE YOU AT 10 TOMORROW!
BYE!
Can't help it..
Beep! Beep! Beep!


Sorry... Yung Jo..
SORRY! COULD YOU HELP ME INFORM YUNG JO?
HELLO? I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO TELL YOU. I'LL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE IT TOMORROW
YEAH! I'VE GOT A LOT OF HOMEWORK TOO..
AH? OH... I... I HAVE A TEST ON MONDAY...

No matter what I'll have to make that necklace by tomorrow, and on the day of Yung Jo's birthday,

Hand that present over to him!

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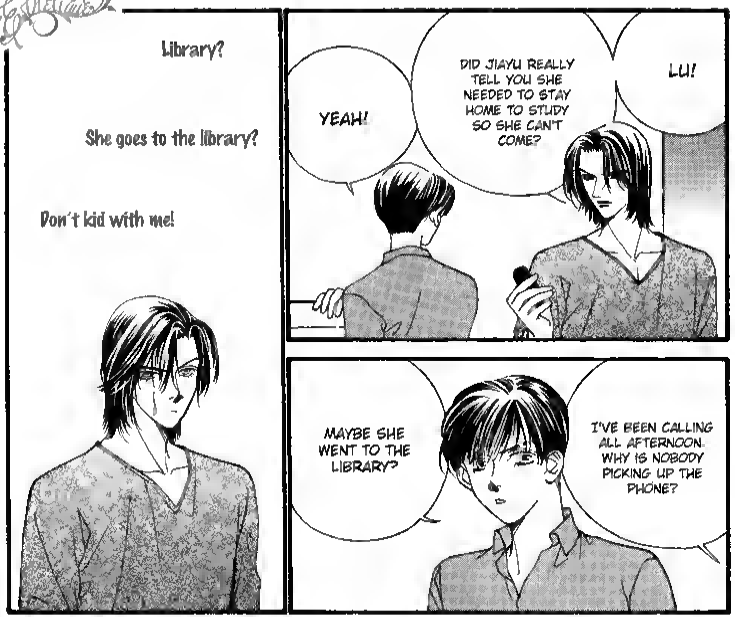
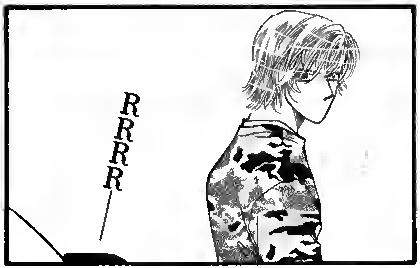
FIND ANY SHELLS YET?
NOT A LOT!
BUT HAVING SOME IS BETTER THAN NONE.
I JUST NEED IT.
WHAT DO YOU NEED SHELLS FOR?
BRR
UP

I'LL GET DRINKS FROM THE CAR. WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DRINK?
WHATEVER'S FINE!
This is pr--tty!
Wa!
RRRR
RRRR


Library?
She goes to the library?
Don't kid with me!
LU!
DID JIAYU REALLY TELL YOU SHE NEEDED TO STAY HOME TO STUDY SO SHE CAN'T COME?
YEAH!
I'VE BEEN CALLING ALL AFTERNOON. WHY IS NOBODY PICKING UP THE PHONE?
MAYBE SHE WENT TO THE LIBRARY?

Ai!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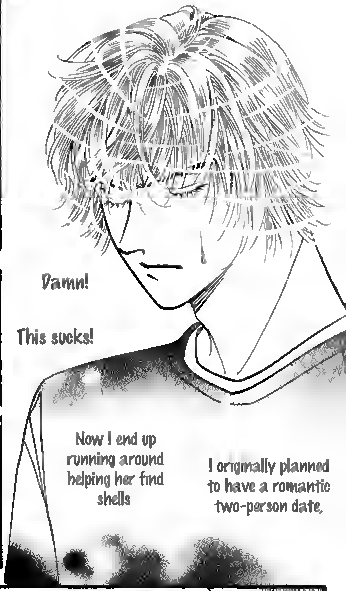
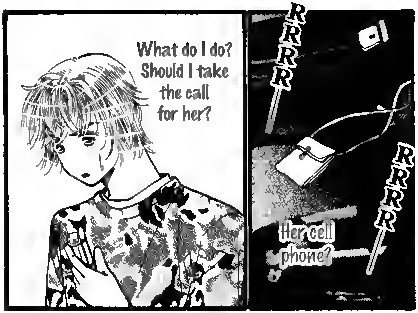
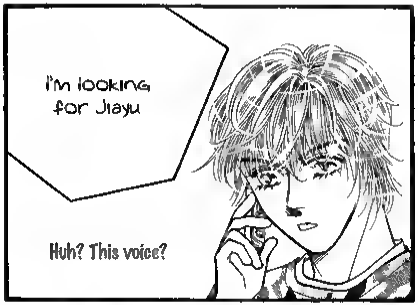

Damn!
This sucks!
Now I end up running around helping her find shells
I originally planned to have a romantic two-person date.


What do I do? Should I take the call for her?
RRRR
RRRR
Her cell phone?

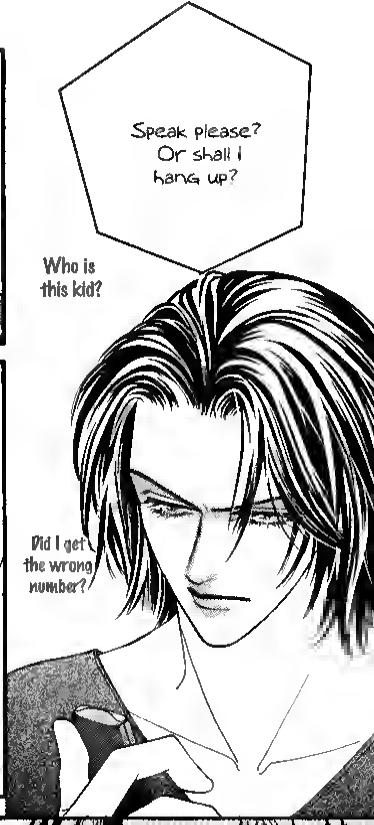
HELLO?
HELLO?
HELLO? WHO ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

..too far away...

HELLO?
Ok! I'll be a nice guy and take the call for her!


I'm looking for Jiayu
Huh? This voice?

Oh! Big Bro Yung?
It's me, Aiwen! We haven't talked for a long time!
So it is him!
Little punk, how dare you call Jiayu right now!


Speak please? Or shall I hang up?
Who is this kid?
Did I get the wrong number?

What's up! How's it going recently?
Aiwen?

WAIT A SEC, LET ME SEE...
Where did she go?
Hm?
Give her the phone!
Where's Jiayu?
OH JIAYU!
Pak!
I can't find her, I don't see her anywhere!
Du—
Du—
PLAY...
YOU SHOULD COME----
WE'RE PLAYING BY THE WATERS, AND FINDING SEA-SHELLS, IT'S SO FUN!
Can't find her? Where are you guys?
WE'RE BY THE BEACH!

AH
HEY——
push
Hmph!
What a rude fellow, how dare he hang up on me!
OH-
WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH MY PHONE?
I WAS TRYING TO HELP YOU CHECK YOUR BATTERIES!
He'll call again if it's something urgent!
OH...OKAY!
I THINK I KNOW A SPOT THAT HAS TONS OF SHELLS!
What am I doing!
No way I'm letting that guy ruin my fun with Jiayu!
REALLY! GO GO GO!!!
LET'S LEAVE! THERE AREN'T SHELLS ON THIS SIDE ANYMORE.
Should I tell her to return Yung Jo's call?
LET'S GO LOOK AT SOME OTHER PLACE.

YANG JO, THE SOFA IS HERE.
COME SEE WHERE YOU WANT IT PUT.
YUNG JO?

Jiayu...
Why would she lie to me?
Or is she so scared of me that she won't tell me the truth?
Am I that unreasonable?
YANG JO...
THE SOFA...

GOD... GOD... GOD KNOWS...
WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED?
sfx: BAM!
EVERYTHING'S OK!
KNOTS... BROUGHT THAT... SHELLS... GOOD...
STRINGS... LACE... BEADS... BROUGHT THOSE...

OH---- YOU'RE MAKING A SHELL NECKLACE!
YEP--- TOMORROW IS YUNG JO'S BIRTHDAY,
I HAVE TO FINISH THIS TODAY!
Uppsh!
LET ME TELL YOU! GUYS AT HIS AGE,
YOU SHUT UP!
You seem like you're talking about yourself more!
WON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT SHELL NECKLACES!
AS I SEE IT, HE'LL DEFINITELY FIND A MATURE AND SEXY CHICK TO SPEND HIS BIRTHDAY WITH,
AND THEN DO "IT"!
WE'RE ALL GUYS, I CAN UNDERSTAND VERY WELL WHAT HE'S THINKING!

IF YOU GAVE ME YOUR HANDMADE SEASHELL NECKLACE FOR MY BIRTHDAY,
I WOULD BE VERY HAPPY.
NEVER MIND THAT! I'M GOING HOME.
I'M NOT LIKE HIM.
THANKS FOR HELPING ME FIND SHELLS TODAY.
BYE!
Yeah right
...then it suits what guy?
SEASHELL NECKLACES DON'T SUIT YOU!
Seashell necklaces don't suit me...?
I'LL GIVE YOU ANOTHER PRESENT FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY,

Everything's ready!
Ok!
Let's do this!
But the strong feeling I carry in my heart...
Yawn
Yang Jo might not care about some seashell necklace
Maybe Anwen's right.

I have to finish this seashell necklace...
No...can't sleep...
I can't!
BAM!
RED BULL
I have to carry on!
Oh god!!
Please give me magical strength!
This is only a little something...
No matter if he accepts it or not...

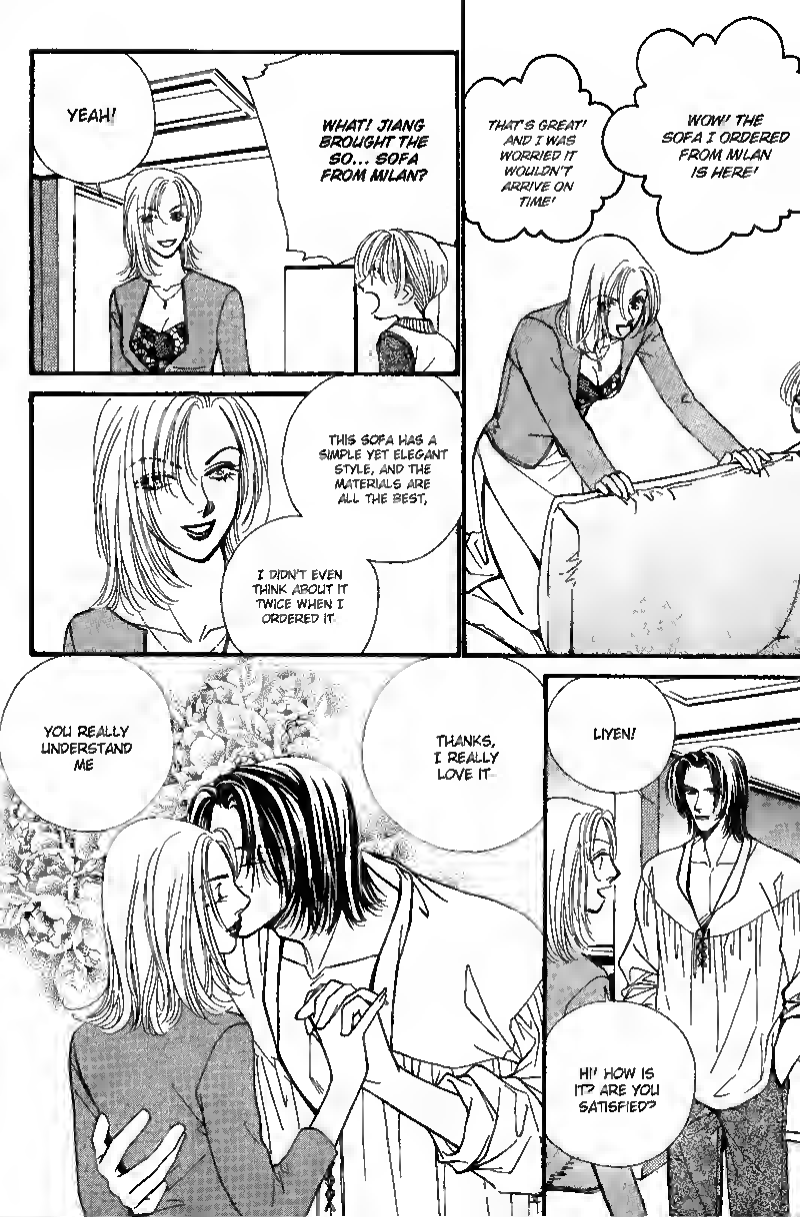
I----
am-----
here-----
Beep
HI...
HELLO?
OH MY GOD...YOU, YOU, YOU... WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE?
Celebrate celebrate celebrate, let's prosper prosper prosper...hear the cannon fire, oh good luck will come to us, rejoice everyone, the gold is on its way...smile everyone, rejoice...
Ho Ho Ho Ho (repeat four times)*
Ho Ho Ho Ho (repeat four times)*
HEY...
It's not easy for a young kid...
congratulations for moving into a new home...
DID YOU STUDY THAT HARD YESTERDAY?
You're not making sense and you even have panda eyes

*Jiayu's random song

QUICK! COME SIT!
HEY! JIAYU!
WOW! AWESOME SOFA!
WHERE ARE YOUR PRESENTS? ARE THEY HERE? LET ME SEE IT!
PRESENT?
WHAT IS IT? WHO ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?
Where is he? Is he here?
Looks around
THIS CAME IN FROM ITALY,
IT FEELS GREAT TO SIT ON!
IT'S EXPENSIVE STUFF!

YOU CAME?
BUT...TODAY IS YUNG JO'S BIRTHDAY..
YOU GUYS DIDN'T BRING PRESENTS?
WHAT?
WHAT PRESENT? HOW ABOUT YOU? YOU BROUGHT PRESENTS?
HE DIDN'T MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT A PRESENT.
PLUS HE SAID HE'LL TREAT US TO FOOD TO THANK US
WE WERE HELPING HIM MOVE THE WHOLE DAY YESTERDAY!
BRING WHAT?
It was so tiring!
COKE! COKE'S FINE.
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DRINK?
OH... YEAH...

WOW! EVERYONE IS HERE!
JIANG!
Would it be weird if I brought it out?
Only I brought a present...
No way... Nobody knows about Yung Jo's birthday...
Or... I should just wait till the time we leave and give it to him...
HI!
IT WAS THE BEST!
WHAT CAN I SAY?
HOW WAS THE SHOW IN MILAN?
LIYEN! WHEN DID YOU GET BACK?
LONG TIME NO SEE


YEAH!
WHAT! JIANG BROUGHT THE SO... SOFA FROM MILAN?
THAT'S GREAT! AND I WAS WORRIED IT WOULDN'T ARRIVE ON TIME!
WOW! THE SOFA I ORDERED FROM MILAN IS HERE!
THIS SOFA HAS A SIMPLE YET ELEGANT STYLE, AND THE MATERIALS ARE ALL THE BEST,
I DIDN'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT TWICE WHEN I ORDERED IT.
YOU REALLY UNDERSTAND ME
THANKS, I REALLY LOVE IT
LIYEN!
HI! HOW IS IT? ARE YOU SATISFIED?

IT'S NOTHING. WHEN I SAW THE SOFA SET I THOUGHT IT WAS MADE FOR YOU!
AS LONG AS YOU LIKE IT THEN IT'S WORTH IT.
YOU REALLY SPENT TOO MUCH.
HOW ABOUT DRINKING MY SPECIALLY MADE CAPPUCCINO?
THAT SOUNDS GREAT.
Jiang brought such an expensive and beautiful sofa for Yung Jo
And it's all the way from Milan too..
She's what Lulu said..
She really understands what Jung Yoo likes...
Yung Jo's lover..
Maybe..

MY FRIEND FILED FOR A DIVORCE,
AND ENDS UP FIGHTING FOR THE HOUSE. IT HAS BEEN TWO YEARS SINCE AND IT'S STILL NOT SETTLED.
THAT'S SO ANNOYING.
IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO HAVE THE HUSBAND AND WIFE SHARING EVERYTHING BEFOREHAND. EVERYTHING SHOULD BE CLEARLY LAID OUT FOR WHAT BELONGS TO WHO!
YAWN
Really?
Then did they deal with it already?
WHAT'S THE DEAL ABOUT YOUR FRIEND? MY UNIVERSITY CLASSMATE IS IN DEEPER SHIT!
Seeing that satisfied smile on his face...
It has to be her.

I WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNING TO BUY A HOUSE TOO.
BUT HAVING THE SECOND HOUSE TAX IS JUST TOO EXPENSIVE!
OH- HOW CAN WE COMPARE TO OUR MASTER PHOTOGRAPHER- YUNG JO BUYING HOUSES IS LIKE BUYING TOYS TO HIM. HE CAN BUY WHATEVER HE WANTS
HA HA HA
But...
If only I can join their conversation, then I won't have to feel so sleepy..
All these... are adult topics
The things they say only they understand
I don't get what they're saying..
I can't even become part of their conversation..

I kinda feel like..
I don't belong in the same world as them
I...
Shouldn't have came today..
YUNG JO... ARE YOU OK? WE'RE LEAVING NOW...
UM...
I DON'T SEE YOU TALKING, BUT DRINKING A LOT TODAY..
DID YOU DRINK TOO MUCH?
JIAYU.. WAKE UP!
tap
tap

WEAR YOUR JACKET,
IT'S GOING TO BE COLD ON MY MOTORCYCLE
OK----
So sleepy...
Um
I SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED YOU TO COME TODAY

I THINK... YOU HAD A LOT OF FUN?
NO... IT'S NOT LIKE THAT... ACTUALLY I...
PLAYING THE WHOLE DAY WITH AIWEN YESTERDAY MUST HAVE TIRED YOU OUT?
AND YOU EVEN HAD SO MUCH FUN YOU STAYED UP THE WHOLE NIGHT,
NO WONDER YOU'RE SO TIRED TODAY
YOU'RE ONLY IN YOUR TEENS INSTEAD OF ALWAYS HANGING OUT WITH PEOPLE OLDER THAN YOU,
HANGING OUT WITH PEOPLE THE SAME AGE AS YOU LIKE AIWEN, MUST HAVE BEEN MUCH BETTER...
I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL, I TOTALLY GET IT

YUNG JO----
GOOD NIGHT! GO HOME AND SLEEP EARLY.
YOU DRANK A LOT TODAY, SLEEP EARLY!
I'M LEAVING TOO
WAIT A SECOND...

WHAT ARE YOU SO RUSHED ABOUT?! LET THEM LEAVE FIRST!
STAY FOR THE NIGHT...
WITH ME...
COME.
OK...
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT!
BE CAREFUL ON YOUR WAY BACK DON'T RIDE TOO FAST!
BYE!
BYE!
NIGHT
YOU GUYS TOO, DON'T "PLAY" FOR TOO LONG!
Yung Jo is staying with Liujiang for the night
Aiwen was right ..

WHAT YOU SAID TO JIAYU, DON'T YOU THINK IT'S TOO MUCH?
YOU—
Hm?
THEY LEFT?
SHE'S ONLY 17! WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM HER? UNDERSTANDING? CARE?
SHE FELL ASLEEP RIGHT WHEN SHE CAME. SHE DESERVED IT
IF IT WERE ME, I'D BE MAD PISSED!
I BET SHE'S HEARTBROKEN BY NOW!
WHY ARE YOU UPSET OVER A LITTLE GIRL!
TAKES AWAY

She'd remember what day it was today
Happy Birthday!
I had thought!!
I HAD TOO MANY EXPECTATIONS OF HER...
MAYBE!
THIS... I WAS GOING TO GIVE THIS TO YUNG JO AS A BIRTHDAY PRESENT
DO YOU NEED TO PUT ANYTHING IN THE GLOVEBOX?
WHAT'S THAT YOU'RE CARRYING?
NAH!

SEEING JIANG GIVE SUCH AN EXPENSIVE GIFT,
OH PLEASE...
HA HA HA HA
HOW COULD I BRING IT OUT?
THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU GIVE IT TO HIM?
I DIDN'T SLEEP AT ALL LAST NIGHT, TRYING TO MAKE THIS...
Who'd know that?
So today is Big bros birthday
SINCE YOU SPENT SO LONG PREPARING THE PRESENT, YOU SHOULD GIVE IT TO HIM! DON'T THINK TOO MUCH
THE GIFT YOU GIVE HAS A DIFFERENT MEANING THAN THE ONE WEIYEN GAVE
Lu is right..
BESIDES,
YOU WERE PROBABLY THE ONLY ONE WHO REMEMBERED IT WAS HIS BIRTHDAY
NO MATTER WHAT HE WOULD DEFINITELY APPRECIATE YOUR GIFT!
Besides...
...and he was so mad at me!
He thought I was out playing with Aiwen.
WAIT FOR ME!
I really thought too much
I'LL GO AND GIVE HIM MY PRESENT NOW!

YOU REALLY WON'T STAY?
IT'S LATE, BE CAREFUL ON YOUR WAY.
I CAN TAKE IT FROM HERE, I'LL DRIVE HOME.
YEAH
YUNG JO!
DONG!
YOU DIDN'T REALLY WANT ME TO STAY DID YOU?
You found out
NIGHT!
YOU SHOULD REST TOO, GOOD NIGHT.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
JIAYU, WHY'RE YOU...
WHY DIDN'T YOU LEAVE YET?
I FORGOT TO GIVE YOU SOMETHING...
HERE! I MADE THIS MYSELF!
BYE!
OPEN IT AFTER I LEAVE!
THIS...
Birthday... Present?
Bam!
WAIT! JIAYU...

Yeah, let's go!
Ready?
JIAYU— WAIT A SEC—

Stays here.
YUNG...JO?
I'm leaving!
Celebrate my birthday with me, ok..?

I DRANK SO MUCH COFFEE AND "RED BULL" AND I STILL FELT REALLY SLEEPY!
YEAH! EXCEPT FOR THE YEAR I HAD MY FINAL EXAMS I USUALLY DON'T STAY UP THE WHOLE NIGHT.
YOU REALLY SPENT YOUR WHOLE NIGHT ON THIS?
Only the two of us...
Ha Ha Ha ...

HMPH!
I NEVER SAID I DIDN'T...
SEEING HOW I PUT TREMENDOUS EFFORT INTO THIS, YOU SHOULD ALSO LEARN TO APPRECIATE A BIT!
YEAH OK! I KNOW IT'S NOT THAT PRETTY!
FU FU FU
IT SHOULD LOOK OK WHEN I WEAR IT
LOOKING AT IT CAREFULLY, IT'S REALLY NOT THAT BAD...
WHAT?
BEFORE?
AT LEAST IT'S BETTER THAN BEFORE
I'M JUST SAYING, MAKING A SHELL NECKLACE IS EASY,
IT'S FINDING THE SHELLS THAT IS TIRESOME!
WHAT WHAT?
WHAT WHAT WHAT?
Let me ask you... How much did you drink today? You better tell me the truth!

IT TOOK ME AND AIWEN A LOT OF EFFORT, WE LOOKED THROUGH TONS OF BEACHES,
AND ONLY THEN DID WE FIND SOME SUITABLE SHELLS, THANK GOD WE HAD ENOUGH.
THEN, I HAD TO GET MATERIALS FOR THE NECKLACE,
HMM~~
WHEN WE GOT HOME IT WAS SO LATE...HUH...
JO! WHAT HAPPENED?
JIANG SAID YOU DRANK A LOT, SEEMS LIKE ITS TRUE!
And you said you never get drunk?
DON'T SPEAK.. MY HEADS KILLING ME... UGH.

Jo's been acting weird these couple of days...
YOU'RE WEARING IT?
HELP ME PUT IT ON.
But today he seems much weirder...
Maybe he drank too much?
WAIT, THE BACK IS A STUCK...
He has a faint scent of alcohol..
It's making me feel a bit dizzy..
IT'S OK NOW...

THE PRESENT YOU GAVE ME IS WONDERFUL ..
JIAYU..
YUNG JO...
YOU LOOK SO CUTE TODAY
SO CUTE..
YUNG JO...
PUSH
NO!

You can't do this to me I'm only your apprentice at work
I'm not your girlfriend Plus
you don't even love me
You can't just do whatever you want and kiss me
THEN .
BECOME MY GIRLFRIEND!

STOP MESSING ABOUT!
WHO SAID I HAD A GIRLFRIEND?!
YOU ALREADY HAVE A GIRL-FRIEND!
WHAT DO YOU TAKE ME FOR?
WHO DID YOU HEAR THIS FROM? OR DID YOU SEE SOME-THING?
SEEING A COUPLE OF WOMEN, IS THAT CALLED HAVING A GIRLFRIEND?
No... Girlfriend?
JO...?

WILL YOU REALLY FALL IN LOVE WITH A LITTLE GIRL LIKE ME?
YOU ARE DIFFERENT FROM AIWEN - AIWEN ALSO TOLD ME HE LIKED ME .
TO YOU, I'M JUST A LITTLE GIRL...
EVEN IF . EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND, WHY WOULD IT MATTER?
AND I BELIEVE HE REALLY DOES .
BECAUSE HE'S THE TYPE THAT'S STRAIGHT FORWARD WITH HIS FEELINGS

WHAT PROOF DO YOU HAVE THAT I DON'T REALLY LOVE YOU?
YOU'RE GOING TO BELIEVE IN AIWEN AND NOT ME?
BUT YOU... I DON'T TRUST YOU WOULD.
AH

ME OR AIWEN - WHO TRULY LOVES YOU...
I'LL LET YOU KNOW!
Yung Jo!
To be continued